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FOR Women BEEHIVE Outfitters

## SPECIAL!

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 22 AND 23

...LADIES' SILK DRESSES...

Black, Navy and Brown prices \$17.00 to \$25.00—your choice

**\$9.50**

These dresses are all displayed up stairs in the suit room. First come, first served.

## OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

The steamer Eureka arrived in yesterday from Eureka and Coos Bay points and among her passengers from the latter port was Captain Arthur Leighton on board. Captain Leighton reports that he made a quick and easy trip hence to Coos Bay with the little 79-footer Regua, with which he left here one week ago last Friday, and which he left in that port on Friday last. Captain Leighton had three several stipulations with the owners, covering her pilotage to the three several ports of Marshfield, Eureka and San Francisco, with the option of leaving her at any of the three in the event of adverse weather. He considered the weather conditions at Coos Bay unpromising for the continuance of the voyage to Eureka, and chose to return to Astoria, and the craft was there when he left, "snug as bug in a rug"; but what she will do, or when she will sail from there, he could not say. He says she behaved splendidly on her way down, and he sees no reason why, in skillful hands, she should not, with fair weather, make it to her final destination. Engineer Nick Clinton, of this city, is still on board the Regua, being employed by the month with her owners.

The steamer Northland is due to arrive in this port this morning. She is laden with 400 barrels of cement, consigned to the Ford & Stokes Hardware Company, of this city, which will be delivered by the Northland, to the Western Cement Company, who are doing the government work at Fort Stevens.

The handy old dredge, William S. Ladd, which has been working in the lower harbor for some days past, came back to the city yesterday afternoon with something, probably a piece of cable, caught in her stern post and interfering badly with the operation of the propeller. She will be cleared of the impediment at once.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived down yesterday and will leave out for Tillamook Bay points today, with freight and passengers, returning Tuesday if all things are propitious.

The steamer Olsen & Mahoney was among the getaways from this port yesterday, for the Bay City, going over the bar early yesterday morning.

The big lighthouse tender Armeria, Captain Gregory, coaled up yesterday afternoon at the Sanborn bunkers, and then went to the buoy station where she loaded up with a line of sea buoys, and will sail this morning for Yaquina Bay, and plant them in the bar channels off there.

The flagship Lurline, of the Kamm fleet, was doing business at the old stand last evening, and when she departed she had the following people on her register: W. C. Kay, A. G. Wallace, Miss M. D. Miles, B. G. Miller, H. D. Meeker, B. Goldberg and A. M. Wilson.

The steamer Daisy Mitchell crossed in yesterday noon, and went to the Kinney dock, where she unloaded a lot of salt and acids for the Columbia River Packers' Association, and then proceeded up stream.

The oil tank steamer Atlas, of the S. O. line, made it in here yesterday from the coast of California, and passed on up stream at once.

The S. F. & P. steamship Senator arrived down yesterday morning early and went to sea, with a big grist of freight and lots of passengers.

### SHELL BREAKS IN TWO

Rowing Squad of California University Have Narrow Escape.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Nine members of the rowing squad of the University of California had a narrow escape from drowning late yesterday afternoon when the racing shell which they were rowing broke amidships. The nine athletes were thrown into the cold waters of the Oakland estuary. Coach Dean Witter came alongside the struggling men with the coaching launch and succeeded in picking them up, but not before some of them had suffered narrow escapes from drowning. Leslie Robinson, a freshman registered from Lakeport, could not swim, but he was saved from drowning by the heroic efforts of William Heger. The crew had just finished a half mile sprint and they were so exhausted that they could not have kept up much longer.

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## CATTERY UNDERWAY IN THIS CITY NOW

LAUNCHING OF AN IMMENSE  
AND PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

There is money in everything from junk to jewels!

Upon some such hypothesis as this Mr. Carpenter, one of the proprietors of the famous Gray's River dairy that puts out the equally famous "Ferndale" butter all over this land of critical butter-eaters, has undertaken to promote a practical cattery in this city and has stirred up considerable interest in the scheme, especially among the prominent grocers to whom he sells his fine northshore product. As the saying has it, "he's got 'em going."

Mr. Carpenter has made a deep study of the cat from a commercial standpoint, "for claws and tail" and what he don't know of the range of profit in marketable pussies, the members of the Western Cat Company, a newly incorporated concern just launched in this city, do.

He has figured the scheme down to fractions and decimals, and it works out to such a sure and certain amplitude of sheer gain for investors, that it is a positive lure for the man anxious to accumulate a little "on the side"; and it is this figuring that has got his grocer friends on the jump to take stock in this extraordinary departure.

It is currently reported that State Senator W. T. Scholfield has accepted the presidency of the new incorporation; that Thad Trullinger has been induced to take the secretaryship; which particulars, of themselves, lend warranty to the report that the venture has very stalwart backing. It is also said that Fred Johnson has agreed to take a big block of stock in the business and others are hastening to secure a foothold in one of the most promising business openings offered here in a long time. The final organic status of the new concern will be announced later in these columns and it is sure to create a furore in business circles all over this section when the scope and personnel is actually known.

The first intimation that the business had been decisive and operative steps came yesterday, when a circular bearing the following legend was circulated through the city: "Wanted! Black and White Cats; Black Cats, 50 cents; White or Other Cats, 25 cents; Western Cat Company, Eleventh Street, Between Bond and Commercial." This was the signal for swift and eager inquiry on all sides, and though the address given was, presumably, the office of Mr. Carpenter, the promoter of the concern, it soon became known that feline supplies would be received either at the office of the president, at his Twelfth-street grocery, or at the establishment where the secretary is employed, the Badollet grocery on Commercial between Eighth and Ninth; at both of which places, it is presumed, the quoted prices will be paid for all the cats presented.

President Scholfield, of the cattery, is said to be very sanguine of the abounding success of the enterprise, having given exhaustive study to the problem while up at Salem this winter, in an effort to find a means for the further maintenance of the State Normal schools; and had figured out a system whereby each of the normals might attain to an income far



**WALK-OVER SHOES**  
**\$3.50 to \$4.00**

exceeding anything the State was likely to do for them; and had even partly drafted a bill providing for the application of the idea, when the Legislature adjourned and left him with the purely original and highly promising measure on his hands. It was this previous concern and interest in the cat that made him so ardent a champion of Mr. Carpenter's proposition when that gentleman sprung it here, on Thursday.

The Carpenterian idea of the business is this: The fur of the cat is an excellent and merchantable fur, as good as many of the smaller pelts on the market, and better than some; ranging in value from 10 cents to 75 cents, with an average value, say, of 30 cents each. Given a hundred-acre ranch, properly prepared and fenced and one million cats for a starter, the general and net results are easily ascertained, by pursuing the following calculations, which Mr. Carpenter has assiduously wrought in his effort to find a working financial basis:

Figuring that 1,000,000 cats would yield an increase of 4,000,000 animals twice a year, the company will have 8,000,000 pelts for marketing, at an average price of 30 cents per pelt, or \$2,400,000 per annum, or \$6000 per day, which is a really conservative basis upon which to proceed considering the uncertainty of the prolificacy of cats in general. This safe estimate leaves the concern with a very generous income, against which there are the minor offsets of feeding, skinning, and marketing.

To properly feed the outfit, it is said that another and adjoining 100 acres will be purchased and stocked with rats, probably 4,000,000 to start with, and to be increased if found adequate for the purposes of food supply. These rats are expected to reproduce themselves at least ten times over during the year, and thus the cattery will be furnished with ample meat, especially when it is understood that the rats will be maintained upon the meat of the skinned cats and require no other food, save in the first instance. In addition to these expenses, there will be at least 100 men needed for herding and feeding and skinning the cats, and these can be had at \$2.00 per day and board. (Note:—The company is strangely silent upon the quality of the board to be furnished these people, but it is presumed they have certain economic reservations in mind, that will develop later). So the unit of daily cost in this behalf is somewhere around \$3.00, which leaves a magnificent range of profit after the land is once paid for, say of \$6597 per day, which residuum is enough to warrant the eager energy displayed by the favored few who are to be let in on the ground floor.

All figures quoted in this summary are tentative, of course, and it is not at all unlikely that once the scheme is underway and working smoothly the profit gauge will rise to a clean \$10,000 a day, amply to satisfy even

an Astoria grocer. As the business develops the Astorian will give details that are necessarily lacking at this stage of the venture. It is not known at this writing whether there is any of the treasury stock left, so great was the demand for it yesterday.

### FOR NEW "OLD GLORY"

WASHINGTON, March 20.—A new "Old Glory" is proposed in a bill recently introduced by Representative Ansberry of Ohio to amend the section of the revised statutes which relates to the design of the American flag. A new formation of the stars is suggested. They would be arranged, "in five arcs in combination, the centers of the arcs to be the apices of a regular pentagon, the radius of the arcs to be equal to one side of the pentagon."

As to the size of the stars, the bill prescribes that their radius shall be equal to "One fourth the distance of the stars from center to center."

Provision for adding new stars for new states might be made by extending the arcs.

## AN ELECTRIC LINE FOR ILWACO AND SEAVIEW

### ENTHUSIASTIC MASS MEETING AT THE FORMER CITY ENDORSES PROPOSITION.

The Morning Astorian's Ilwaco correspondent, says:

On Wednesday last a large and enthusiastic mass meeting of representative citizens took place at Seaview to talk over and consider the proposed right of way of the Ilwaco General Electric Company's car line. The question being thoroughly discussed and the advantages and disadvantages of the line taken up, a vote was called for, and said vote being taken showed that the progressive inhabitants of the little burg were unanimously in favor of the enterprise. Short talks and speeches were made

by quite a number of prominent land owners, present; brief addresses were also made by Messrs. E. F. Wood, W. A. Graham and Captain Rowe of Ilwaco, who locally represent the company.

A committee was then appointed to petition the county commissioners to grant said right of way on condition of the company agreeing to conform to street grades, put in permanent and substantial crossings and otherwise keep their roadbed neat and passable. Then, after a few congratulatory remarks from the chairman the meeting adjourned.

### PASSES ANTI-GAMBLING BILL.

California Takes a Fall Out of the Gamblers.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 20.—The assembly passed tonight a bill prohibiting all gambling in California. The bill is sweeping in effect and amends the penal code which specifies all kinds of gambling games prohibited. If it becomes a law it will prohibit all games of chances.



## HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

A fine line of "out-of-the-ordinary Net Waists \$2.75 up

Embroidery Stock Collars 35c  
Fancy Veiling 50c yd  
More Petticoats 75c

Silk Petticoats \$5.25

White Lawn Waists 50c

New Line of Tailored Shirt

Waists, just in \$2.75 & \$4.75

Have you seen our new line of Enamel Kitchen ware, displayed in our Commercial street window, Sauce Pans, Stew Pans, Kettles, etc. choice 10c

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**Waterman's**

Ninth and Commercial Streets

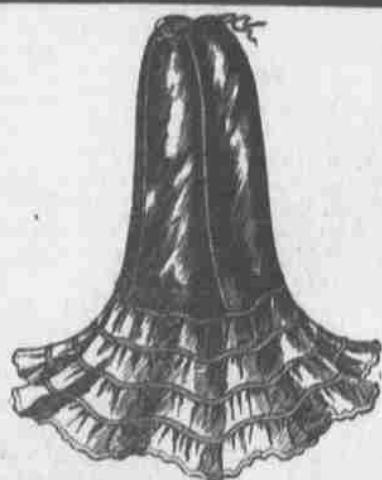
## SALE

..Heatherbloom Petticoats..

BLACK AND COLORS

**\$1.65**

100 Genuine Hydegrade Heatherbloom Petticoats, black and colors, placed on sale Monday at this low price—Figure it out for yourself 5 yards of Heatherbloom at 40c the yard all nicely made with 12 inch flounce **\$1.65**



**On Sale MONDAY**  
**Spring Suits at Nearly Half**  
**\$25.00 Values for Only \$14.98**

Spring Suits at nearly half the regular price to induce early spring buying. We have selected from our stock 20 New Spring Suits, well knowing that investigation will convince you of their great bargain value at the special price we have placed upon them for **THIS ONE DAY \$14.95** SELLING—\$25.00 actual values for only

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